

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

MINUTES * * *

Minutes of the February 3, 2004, were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT * * *

- On Monday a meeting was held in the Council chambers with representatives from several state agencies. The purpose of the meeting was to get a consensus as to how money should be spent in Region 9. There were representatives from Fayette, Franklin, Ripley, Rush and Wayne Counties at the meeting. They were divided into two groups and each group submitted what they considered priorities for the region. A report will be compiled and sent to each County. The consensus was that the problems do not lie within an individual County, and if we are going to succeed, they must work as a region to accomplish the task before them.
- Has been informed that there will be a dinner to honor former Councilman Bill Goins on March 6 at the K of C. The meal will be at 6:30 p.m. Contact John Byrne for reservations.
- Requested assistance from IACT concerning the cable tv franchise renewal. They are soliciting information throughout the State from other Cities that have recently renewed their contract with individual cable providers. They have also contacted a member of the cable board in a large metropolitan area for input.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT * * *

None.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS * * *

Police – Had an informative meeting with Jack Craig from Muncie regarding code enforcement.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

Insurance/Kevin Mandrell – Pursuant to request of Council, Kevin Mandrell gave a presentation of the renewal assessment procedures. Mandrell gave a lengthy presentation along with a time for questions and answers. There were several city employees in attendance and had many questions to be addressed. It was indicated that one of the options for the employees' consideration was that the employer would pay 75% of the premium and the employee would pay 25%. However, the other option was 85% and 15%.

Chuck Kemker said he didn't think it was fair that some employees would pay 15% and some 25%.

Charlie Brown asked Council if they were going to stand on their previous decision. Pavey said he was willing to discuss other options if the rest of Council agreed. Pavey also indicated that his previous decision was based on the employee and the taxpayer.

Sheehan said they probably should have sent out a survey with cut options, and would try to see that that is done the next time. He also indicated that the main idea was to "tweak" so no one would have to take such a big hit at one time.

Byrne said he respected the vote from the previous meeting, but if the rest of Council wished to revisit the insurance question, he did not have a problem with that.

After lengthy discussion between Council and employees, Sheehan moved to table any decision. He requested numbers from Mandrell for a breakdown of the premium based on 24 pays, with the core plan being 85% employer and 15% employee. The buy up plan would be 80% employer and 20% employee. All employees would be given the figures and would be required to fill out a sheet stating which plan they wanted. These are to be turned into the Clerk-Treasurer by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. The results will be given to Council. Council will meet in special session on Friday at 4:30 at the Council Chambers to make a final decision on the insurance. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman Sheehan thanked Mandrell for all of his work on the insurance matter.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

Ordinance 2004-6, Amending the Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund Ordinance of 2000-6 – Fields made a motion to amend Ordinance 2000-6 to include a maintenance fund for the softball diamond. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Map (Revolving) Loan Request – Bridges said The Trading Post had requested a reduction of the interest rate on their loan. The current rate of interest is 11.5%. The business is no longer operating. Payments are \$260.80 per month. If payments continue as is, the loan will be paid off November 2005. Byrne made a motion to allow the Mayor to negotiate with The Trading Post. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Claims – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, McGowan made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER